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CONTEXT

2. (C) THE AMBASSADOR MET SEPARATELY WITH THE TWO LEADERS ON SEPTEMBER 27 AS PART OF AN ONGOING MISSION EFFORT TO CORRECT A WIDESPREAD PUBLIC PERCEPTION FUELED BY PUBLIC STATEMENTS OF EVEN MAINSTREAM MUSLIM LEADERS THAT THE USG DELIBERATELY PLANTED THE OMAR AL-FAROUQ REVELATIONS IN "TIME" MAGAZINE (REF A), AND TO TRY TO ENLIST OPINION-MAKER ASSISTANCE IN SHIFTING PUBLIC FOCUS AWAY FROM THE REPORT SOURCE TO THE TROUBLING ISSUES RAISED IN THE REPORT. WE DEEMED IT

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PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT TO REACH OUT QUICKLY TO [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] WE ALSO SOUGHT TO SENSITIZE THE LEADERS TO THE REALITY OF THE JI - AL-QAIDA NEXUS BY BRIEFING ON THE HISTORY OF AL-FAROUQ'S CONFESSED ACTIVITIES IN INDONESIA, HIS CONFESSED CONNECTIONS TO ABU BAKAR BA'ASYIR AND JI, AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING HIS ARREST AND CONFESSION.

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3. (U) THE MEETING WAS HELD AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF NU, INDONESIA'S LARGEST MASS ISLAMIC ORGANIZATION WITH A CLAIMED 40 MILLION MEMBERS. THE AMBASSADOR WAS MET NOT BY NU OFFICIALS BUT RATHER A THRONG OF ENTHUSIASTIC JOURNALISTS WHO QUICKLY FORMED A THICK KNOT AROUND THE AMBASSADOR AS HE ANSWERED RAPID-FIRE QUESTIONS WHILE WAITING FOR THE ELEVATOR. WHEN THE ELEVATOR FINALLY ARRIVED, THE JOURNALISTS SURGED AS ONE INTO THE SMALL CHAMBER, LEAVING NO ROOM FOR THE AMBASSADOR AND TRIPPING A SAFETY ALARM.

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11. (C) COMMENT: AS EVIDENCED BY THE WILD SCRUMS WITH
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HYPER-AGGRESSIVE JOURNALISTS THAT ENSUED BOTH BEFORE AND
AFTER THE NU MEETING, LOCAL INTEREST IN THE AL-FAROUQ
CONFESSION AND ITS IMPACT ON BILATERAL RELATIONS REMAINS
INTENSE.

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